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SUBJECT: INTERIM REPORT ON UNESCO 19TH GC

REF: STATE 264665, STATE 267476, NAIROBI 12261

1. USNATCOM IS KEEPING ITS MEMBERS INFORMED OF GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS OF 19TH GC AND IS PROCEEDING ACCORDING PLAN PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON WITH POWERS AND UPSTON IN REGARD INTERIM REPORT CITED PARA 1 OF YOUR REFTEL.

2. IN REGARD TO YOUR REQUESTS FOR IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS, PLEASE NOTE, PER STATE 264665, THAT DAILY SUMMARY, WHICH INCLUDES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF ALL MAJOR PAPERS IN U.S., IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO USDEL THROUGH NAIROBI PAO. WE WILL, OF COURSE, REMAIN ALERT TO ANY OTHER SOURCES BUT BELIEVE USDEL IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING, TO MAXIMUM EXTENT UNCLASSIFIED

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FEASIBLE, ACCURATE PICTURE OF REPORTING COVERAGE BY

AMERICAN PRESS.

3. PRESS COVERAGE SO FAR HAS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON MASS MEDIA ISSUE WITH DISTINCTLY SECONDARY COVERAGE OF ISSUES DIRECTLY RELATED TO ISRAEL. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ERRONEOUS REPORTS OF PRELIMINARY PROCEDURAL VOTES AS REPRESENTING

FINAL CONFERENCE DECISIONS, E.G., DG REFERRAL OF MASS MEDIA TO DNG REPORTED AS GC REJECTION OF DRAFT DECLARATION; OTHERWISE, PRESS COVERAGE HAS CONVEYED ACCURATE, THOUGH ABBREVIATED, PICTURE OF DEVELOPMENTS ON REGIONAL GROUPING ISSUE AND DRAFT DECLARATION. OUR MONITORING OF MAJOR TV BROADCASTS IN WASHINGTON AREA REVEALS THAT, TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO COVERAGE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NAIROBI. MOREOVER, WITH CONGRESS IN RECESS, THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN VIRTUALLY NO REACTION OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO DEVELOPMENTS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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